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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 5, 2000 kindly amend the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 6, line 14, delete "includes" and insert --comprises--.

Claim 7, line 12, delete "includes" and insert --comprises--.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejection of claims 3-7 under the doctrine of double-patenting is respectfully traversed. Applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection